

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 1:

--RELATED APPLICATION

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This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), of previously filed provisional application *Diagnostic Devices Containing Porous Material*, Serial No. 60/191,935, filed March 24, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 19-40 (cancelled) due to an election/restriction without prejudice or disclaimer.

41. (new) A diagnostic device comprising:

a rigid three-dimensional porous material manufactured from alumina and a fusion source, wherein said material is in a form selected from the group of forms consisting of plates, cylinders, discs, particles, tubes, beads and coatings.

42. (new) The device of Claim 41 wherein the material is further manufactured from silica.

43. (new) The device of Claim 41 wherein the material is manufactured from a boron fusion source.